



2021 PWBA Kickoff Classic

COVID-19 Procedures & Protocols

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS



**WASH
HANDS**



**WEAR
MASKS**



**SANITIZE
HANDS**



**AVOID CLOSE
CONTACT**



**COVER YOUR
COUGH**



**AVOID
CROWDS**



**SOCIAL
DISTANCE**



**WIPE
SURFACES**



**AVOID
TOUCHING**

OVERVIEW

This document details operational procedures and protocols for the 2021 PWBA Kickoff Classic Series to be held at the International Training and Research Center (ITRC) in Arlington, Texas, in light of COVID-19. Many of these rely upon rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities.

These may change as the formal regulations change and will be updated as necessary.

These have been developed specifically for the 2021 PWBA Kickoff Classic Series, which includes the following: PWBA Bowlers Journal Classic, PWBA ITRC Classic, PWBA Arlington Regional and PWBA Hall of Fame Classic. They are not mandates for USBC-certified local and regional events.

The information provided in this document does not, nor is it intended to, substitute for legal or medical advice. You should contact your attorney and your local health professionals before conducting any mass gathering or event.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has created a tool for locating health officials in your area. This resource can be found [here](#).

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS NOTICE

Participants should be aware of any travel restrictions imposed by governmental authorities that may impact this event. The CDC has posted on its website international travel restrictions that either place a ban on travelers from specified foreign countries or impose self-quarantine requirements on inbound travelers upon arrival.

State and local governments or public health authorities also have varying restrictions as of this writing and may require travelers from coronavirus hot spots to self-quarantine upon arrival to a local jurisdiction.

COVID-19 SUMMARY INFORMATION

- COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in December 2019.
- COVID-19 is caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.
- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about six feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- You also may be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

TOURNAMENT OPERATION PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

General

1. Event Attendees – The 2021 PWBA Kickoff Classic Series will be limited to approved PWBA entrants, staff and manufacturer representatives. All approved individuals will be required to always follow these procedures and protocols throughout the event's entirety unless otherwise noted. Failure or refusal to comply with the procedures and protocols may lead to disciplinary action such as warnings, fines, suspension, and/or disqualification or removal from the event.
 - a. Spectators – Spectators will not be permitted.
 - i. Minors may be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guardians shall be an immediate family member, who is 18 or older, and athletes are limited to one family member for the event. Immediate family shall be defined as a



- sibling, stepparent or grandparent. Guardians are required to follow all requirements herein.
- b. PWBA product registered bowling ball manufacturers will be limited to a maximum of two (2) representatives per manufacturing company. Representatives names must be submitted by company to PWBA management by January 4, 2021 and are required to follow all requirements herein.
 - c. Pool Photographer – A pool photographer will shoot still photos of the stepladder finals for each event. The photographer will be required to complete on-site COVID-19 screening prior to entry and will enter the facility through a private rear entrance. The photographer will be limited to down-lane and remain a minimum distance of 40 feet from all event approved participants and attendees.
 - d. Additional mechanics – If needed additional mechanics may be used for the event. Additional mechanics will be required to complete on-site COVID-19 screening prior to entry and will enter the facility through a private rear entrance. Additional mechanics will be limited to down-lane and remain a minimum distance of 40 feet from all event approved participants and attendees.
2. Housing Requirements – All approved event participants, staff, guardians and manufacturer representatives are required to stay at the host hotel listed below, in the designated PWBA room block/floors and in accordance with restrictions and protocols.
- a. Hyatt Place Dallas/Arlington
2380 E Road to Six Flags St.
Arlington, TX 76011
(817)-649-7676
 - b. Maximum occupancy of two (2) approved event individuals per room.
 - c. Event approved attendees are not permitted in other individuals' or attendees' hotel rooms at any time.
 - d. Personal guests are prohibited from the host hotel. Only approved tournament athletes, staff, guardians of minors and manufacturer representatives are allowed.
 - e. Individuals are not to gather or use any public amenities provided by the hotel
 - i. Examples – pool, hot tub, gym, business center and/or bar/lounge.
 - f. PWBA individuals will have access to a private conference/banquet room for daily served meals.
 - g. All hotel employees will be required to adhere to state and local regulations and guidelines, as well as use CDC guidelines for disinfection.
3. On-site Requirements
- a. Once event-approved attendees have arrived at the host hotel and have been provided their rooms and event information, they are only permitted to be at the host hotel and/or ITRC.
 - b. All approved event attendees are required to always remain in their hotel rooms, except for meal service, squad assignments and/or player services appointments.
 - c. Athletes will not be permitted to observe other squads bowling.
4. Health Requirements – All event/venue staff, participants, guardians and manufacturer representatives will be required to be compliant with the following health requirements while in Arlington, including, but not limited to, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 testing. Testing instructions will be provided in approved individuals' event arrival kit:
- a. Health screening and COVID-19 testing
 - i. Prior to arrival in Arlington



1. All individuals are required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR based test within 72 hours prior to traveling to Arlington in order to obtain clearance to participate.
2. All individuals are suggested to self-isolate 5-7 days prior to arrival.
- ii. Arrival to Arlington
 1. All individuals are required to arrive at the host hotel by 3pm CST the two days prior to the start of the event or their respective competition to complete a saliva PCR COVID-19 test, health screening related to possible exposure to COVID-19, temperature check and reporting of any COVID-19 symptoms.
 - a. Event/venue staff and manufacturer representatives – 1/16/2021
 - b. PWBA Kickoff Classic – 1/17/2021
 - c. Arlington Regional – 1/22/2021
 2. If any individuals are ill upon arrival, they may be required to isolate in their hotel rooms and notify PWBA staff immediately.
- iii. While in Arlington
 1. All individuals are expected to monitor their own health while in Arlington. This includes a daily self-administered COVID-19 symptom screening and questionnaire.
 2. An additional saliva PCR COVID-19 test will be administered to all individuals on 1/21/2021.
 3. Random daily saliva PCR COVID-19 testing may be conducted, as necessary.
- iv. While at the ITRC
 1. COVID-19 symptom screening at the main ITRC entrance, including temperature checks.
 2. Individuals with symptoms and/or a temperature of 100.4° or higher will:
 - a. Be administered a secondary screening observed by the tournament director.
 - b. Individuals who do not meet the requirements following the initial and secondary screening will not be permitted to enter the facility and may be asked to isolate and quarantine at the host hotel.
 - c. Seek the appropriate healthcare resources available (state, local and/or CDC guidelines, Medi-docs, etc.) for additional evaluation.
 - d. Following healthcare evaluation, an additional COVID-19 screening and/or a negative PCR COVID-19 test may be required to be removed from isolation and quarantine.
 - e. Upon on a negative result screening and/or a negative result PCR COVID-19, the individual may return to the competition.
- v. Positive test/symptomatic individual
 1. If an individual tests positive,
 - a. he/she will be removed from participation until a negative PCR COVID-19 test is received and/or isolation and quarantine timelines are complete as indicated below.
 - b. he/she may be required to isolate and quarantine in a designated room at the host hotel, according to CDC and local



- health guidelines, while continuing to monitor their health conditions. Should symptoms worsen or become severe, individuals are asked to seek medical care.
 - i. Quarantine may be required for a minimum of seven (7) days without symptoms and a negative PCR COVID-19 test collected at Day 5 or later.
 - ii. 10 days of quarantine without symptoms, individual may return to normal activities with no test needed.
 - 2. If an individual becomes symptomatic, including, but not limited to, a temperature of 100.4° or higher, that individual may be asked to isolate and quarantine in a designated room at the host hotel.
 - a. Seek the appropriate healthcare resources available (state, local and/or CDC guidelines, Medi-docs, etc.) for additional evaluation.
 - b. Following healthcare evaluation, an additional COVID-19 screening and/or a negative result PCR COVID-19 test may be required to be removed from isolation and quarantine.
 - 3. Any individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 is required to provide any additional information related to travel and personal interactions to contact tracers at the state and local level. Any information you share with public health workers is confidential.
- vi. COVID-19 contact tracing
- 1. Each individual is responsible for working in conjunction with state and local health officials and the PWBA to perform contact tracing of anyone who has a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.
 - a. Close contacts are defined by the CDC as someone who was within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, starting from two days before illness onset until the time the individual is isolated.
 - b. Close contacts will be notified by state/local health officials and/or the PWBA.
 - c. Close contacts will be asked to monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and may be subject to self-quarantine and an additional PCR COVID-19 test.
- b. Face masks
- i. All individuals are required to wear a face mask fully covering their nose and mouth, including during actual competition.
 - 1. Exceptions
 - a. While in individual's own hotel room
 - b. Brief removal of mask to eat or drink.
 - 2. Individuals must wear masks recommended by the CDC.
 - a. Face masks must be a well-secured cloth or mask that fits snugly against the face and covers an individual's nose and mouth. It must be made of a material that prevents the discharge and release of respiratory droplets from a person's nose or mouth
 - 3. Examples of prohibited face masks that are not recommended by the CDC:
 - a. Face masks with exhaust valves
 - b. Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted.
 - c. Masks that do not fit properly (do not cover the nose and mouth)



- d. Plastic face shields as a substitute for a face mask.
- c. Social distancing – Keeping space between oneself and others is one of the best practices to avoid being exposed to the COVID-19 virus and slowing its spread. All individuals are to adhere to the following:
 - i. Maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others.
 - ii. Be mindful of small spaces, including hallways, stairwells and restrooms.
 - iii. Follow entry and exit patterns and all directional signage.
- 5. Dining – Meals will be catered from a third-party to all event-approved individuals at the host hotel in a private conference/banquet room.
 - a. Individuals will receive a daily meal menu to best cater to each individual's preference. Menus will need to be submitted prior to on-site arrival.
 - b. Meal schedule to be provided to all individuals upon arrival.
 - c. All food catering employees will be required to adhere to state and local regulations and guidance, based on their roles and responsibilities, and the appropriate personal protection will be worn.
- 6. Entry Services – All tournament services shall be conducted electronically whenever possible.
 - a. Registration, Membership, SafeSport Training and Waivers
 - i. All event registration must be completed by 1/16/2021.
 - ii. Athlete USBC and/or PWBA membership will be confirmed electronically prior to the event.
 - iii. Athletes who are not current USBC members will be required to purchase membership electronically prior to competing in the event.
 - iv. Athlete SafeSport training must be completed prior to an athlete's entry being approved.
 - v. All approved event attendees will be required to submit a waiver/release prior to being allowed in the tournament venue. Waivers must be submitted electronically.
 - vi. Walk-in registration is not permitted for this event.
- 7. Player Services – Player services primarily will be conducted in the pro shop at the ITRC.
 - a. Spec sheet and undrilled bowling ball(s).
 - i. Athletes will submit their spec sheets, undrilled bowling ball(s) and pay for services at the player services table located outside the pro shop entrance.
 - ii. Upon submission, player will sign up for an available pick-up and workout time prior to their next round of competition.
 - b. Ball drilling
 - i. All bowling balls will be drilled by the Player Services Manager in the ITRC pro shop.
 - ii. All interchangeable equipment will be installed by the Player Services Manager.
 - c. Ball pickup
 - i. Athletes will be able to pick up their drilled bowling balls at their assigned pick-up and workout time at the player services table located outside the pro shop.
 - d. Workout stations are provided in the pro shop and available by appointment only. No more than one individual will be permitted per station at a time.
 - i. All individuals will be responsible for sanitizing their hands using the provided hand sanitizer at each station.
 - ii. All individuals will be responsible for sanitizing the workout station and tools, including, but not limited to, bevel knives, rasps, screwdrivers, bevel

- sanders, glue and/or vacuums after each use, utilizing the provided sanitizing materials.
- e. Ball surface station
 - i. Two ball spinners will be provided.
 - ii. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. No more than one individual per station at a time. Waiting individuals must do so outside the pro shop.
 - iii. All individuals are responsible for providing their own sanding abrasives. Cleaners and polishes will be provided.
 - iv. Clean rags/towels will be provided and are only to be used once, then deposited into the proper receptacle.
 - v. All individuals will be responsible for sanitizing their hands using the provided hand sanitizer at each station.
 - vi. All individuals will be responsible for sanitizing the ball surface station, cleaners and polishes after each use, utilizing the provided sanitizing materials.
- f. Manufacturer inventory will be stored on the PWBA player services trailer. Additional inventory will be stored in a specified location within the ITRC.
 - i. Only one manufacturer representative from each manufacturing company may be on the trailer at a time (maximum occupancy = 3)
 - 1. No players are permitted on the PWBA player services trailer.
 - 2. Manufacturer load in times will be scheduled for Monday morning 1/18/2020.
 - ii. Manufacturer representatives are to lay out all bowling balls on their designated workstations and provide to the player services table.
 - iii. Player services trailer will be located outside the main entrance to the ITRC.
- 8. Locker Room – Walter Ray Williams Jr. Conference Room at the ITRC
 - a. Athletes will be assigned spaces in the designated player locker room.
 - b. 15-ball maximum in the locker room
- 9. Roll Call
 - a. Athletes are required to be on their starting pair 30 minutes prior to the start of competition for roll call.
 - b. Roll call will be conducted using the house PA system for announcements and by visual inspection of the athletes on their starting lanes.
- 10. Recaps
 - a. Recaps will be distributed prior to athletes arriving on the lanes. Competitors must provide their own personal writing instrument.
- 11. Awards Presentations – Awards presentations will take place following the respective event's stepladder finals and will be conducted in a socially distanced manner.
- 12. Administrative functions
 - a. Media interviews will occur in a designated location with adequate ventilation and conducted in a socially distanced manner.
 - b. Competitors will receive communications with event specific obligations in advance of the event.

Competition

1. General
 - a. Staff will maintain social distancing by keeping six (6) feet of space between each person and follow any specific local guidelines.
 - b. One bowler per pair will be designated to make score corrections and/or operate the console to call center desk.
2. Number of persons per pair/pairs in use:
 - a. Bowlers entered in the PTQ and Regional will compete with a maximum of five persons on a pair.
 - b. Bowlers in the PWBA Bowlers Journal Classic, PWBA ITRC Classic and PWBA Hall of Fame Classic will compete with a maximum of four persons on a pair.
 - c. Squad pairings will remain the same for the qualifying rounds of the PWBA Bowlers Journal Classic and PWBA ITRC Classic.
3. Pair rotations
 - a. All bowlers will move to their next pair at the same time once each game is completed by the entire squad.
4. Athlete seating
 - a. When seated between shots, athletes must maintain proper social distance with others.
 - b. Use of seating that is blocked off to maintain social distancing is not permitted.
5. Ball cleaning/disinfectant
 - a. The use of isopropyl alcohol for bowlers to clean their equipment during competition is permitted. Bowlers must provide their own alcohol and towel. This equipment may not be shared.
6. Equipment
 - a. Shipping of equipment to and from the venue can be sent to; ITRC – Attn: PWBA Kickoff Classic, 621 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011.
7. Squad transitions
 - a. Transitions are designed to allow for one squad to exit the building prior to the next squad arriving.
 - b. Squads may enter the building no sooner than one hour prior to their squad time.
 - c. Squads must exit the building no later than ½-hour after the last ball is thrown.
 - d. Athletes not competing are not permitted in the building.
8. Practice sessions
 - a. Bowlers must practice with their assigned squad and pairings.
9. Manufacturer Representatives
 - a. Manufacturer representatives are to remain in the designated area defined by the tournament director during competition and maintain social distancing with athletes and staff.

Venue Operations

1. Spectators/seating – Spectators are not permitted. See spectator limitations under general.
2. Public areas – PWBA and ITRC staffs have collaborated on cleaning and sanitizing protocols including:
 - a. All common areas, such as restrooms and concourse.
 - b. All athlete areas, such as the locker room, pro shop and settee.
 - c. Facility will be thoroughly cleaned each evening using cleaning products and protocols which meet EPA guidelines for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and are effective against viruses, bacteria, and other airborne and bloodborne pathogens.
3. Food & Beverage – Full-service food and beverage services are not available at the ITRC. An assortment of individually packaged beverages and snacks will be provided by the PWBA in accordance with local guidelines and regulations.
4. Medical – All individuals will follow the procedures and protocols as defined in section General-4 (Health Requirements detailed above) regarding COVID-19 and/or its symptoms. In emergency situations, the appropriate emergency medical personnel will be contacted.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Implementation of the protocols and procedures requires the below detailed financial responsibilities for all approved tournament entrants.

PWBA Kickoff Classic Entrant	Cost	Regional Entrant	Cost
Entry	\$ 900	Entry	\$ 100
Housing*	\$ 530	Housing*	\$ 160
Dining	\$ 270	Dining	\$ 90
COVID-19 Testing	\$ 200	COVID-19 Testing	\$ 100
PWBA Member	\$ 1,900	PWBA Member	\$ 450
Non-Member	\$ 2,000	Non-Member	\$ 500
*Housing based on double occupancy			
NOTE - Parent/Guardain of a minor athlete is responsible for housing, dining and COVID-19 testing in appropriate category			

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

World Health Organization Website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [Coronavirus Information](#)

National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) [Directory of Local Health Officials](#)

Worldometers website [Coronavirus Information](#)

Tarrant County Public Health Department website [TCPHD](#)